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Dear Colonel Quinn:

Since June, the G-2 Section of AFPAC (SCAP) has been endeavoring to establish direct liaison with our China mission. The first direct move in this connection was made in July by the sending of a Major Churchill to China for the purpose of conducting a survey of then present intelligence activities of the U. S. armed forces. The second definite move was the very recent sending of a Capt. Hoyt to China for the same purpose.

When Major Churchill conferred with me in July, he was advised that our dissemination was to the Theater Commander and to SSU Washington. It was pointed out that all that would be required in order to be placed on the dissemination list of Theater was a request from General MacArthur's headquarters and that, if so placed, it would not be necessary for SSU China to undertake direct dissemination to his headquarters. In talking with Capt. Hoyt it was stated that our dissemination was now to the Seventh Fleet and to Washington and that his headquarters could be placed on the Seventh Fleet dissemination by request from that headquarters to Admiral Cooke. It was further pointed out that, in the event this should be unsatisfactory, then a request through the War Department to SSU Washington would be all that would be required for SSU China to forward to them all cable sitreps and processed intelligence reports.

This position has been assumed by this mission because of a previous statement by General MacArthur's headquarters to the effect that they did not care to receive any dissemination from SSU China. Further, it is our understanding that SSU Washington has previously stated that they would prefer to make all the disseminations of intelligence to the headquarters of General MacArthur.

During the past several months it has become increasingly apparent that a close liaison should be established by SSU China with the headquarters of General Hodge in southern Korea and with the G-2 Section of AFPAC in regard to Soviet activities in northern Manchuria, Korea and Siberia. At the present time we receive no intelligence disseminations from any outside sources. Further, it is our understanding that there is considerable intelligence activity in northern Korea on the part of the G-2 Section of the headquarters of General Hodge. In addition, within the past thirty days the intelligence section of AFPAC has set up a separate subsection to deal solely with Soviet activities in the Far East. In conversation with Capt. Hoyt, the suggestion was made that the officer in charge of this newly created subsection be also sent to China on a survey trip for consultation with our Shanghai headquarters, particularly with our Manchurian analyst, and for a field trip to our stations in Mukden, Changchun, and Harbin if established by the time of his arrival.

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It is felt that a realistic approach to this problem would be the institution of a regular meeting every six weeks in Tokyo to be attended by representatives of all intelligence agencies engaged in collecting information on Soviet activities in the Far East, with particular reference to the areas abovementioned. If it were possible for a free exchange of information to be had at these meetings, great benefit would accrue to those persons in our mission engaged in collecting and analyzing this type of information. At the present time it is felt by all of us that we are dealing with only a small part of the picture, since anything east and southeast of the Manchurian-Korean border is a complete blackout insofar as we are concerned. Further, we do have agents who are able to report on activities in Dairen and occasionally on Vladivostok. In addition, it is planned that this coverage will be increased and will include Port Arthur. We could thus be of real assistance to these other headquarters by furnishing them information that we obtain as it becomes available.

Accordingly, your attitude as to our disseminating directly to AFPAC by cable and pouch would be appreciated, and further your views as to a regular conference as suggested above. If your reaction to the conference idea is favorable, it would be greatly appreciated if this matter could be properly brought to the attention of the headquarters of General MacArthur by Washington either through SSU or the CIG.

Sincerely yours,

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